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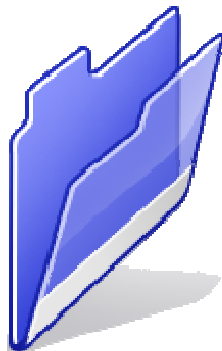
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ATTACHMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM AFTER AGENDA PACKET DISTRIBUTION



Date: September 5, 2016
From: Yu-Lan Chou, Library Advisory Commission
To: Mayor Jose Esteves
Subject: Restoring Milpitas Library hours

Dear Mayor,

I am writing enthusiastically in full support of expanding Milpitas Library hours. We all know the Milpitas Library has books and computers, lots of them, but it is the intangible things that our Milpitas Library does are important. The Milpitas Library provides a friendly environment that foster civic engagement and education. It is a place people of all ages come to share, learn, and enjoy.

Prior to 2006, the Milpitas Library used to open sixty-six hours per week and residents including myself really praise the City's additional support to allow more accessibility during evening and weekend hours. The Milpitas Library hours were cut back to just fifty-four per week in 2012 till now. At least three other libraries in the Santa Clara County Library District – Cupertino, Los Altos, and Saratoga, now have more hours than the Milpitas Library could offer per week.

I urge the City Council to consider the Library hour expansion proposal for the following reasons:

- Library circulation is gradually increased (June 2016 has 152,525 vs. June 2015's 133,762). More hours will ease some of the busy hour traffic and attract more.
- Library can offer more evening programs to residents. (Right now has an average of three per weekday evenings.)
- More library hours means more business to the Main Street area. This will bring more revenue to the shops in the area.

Kindly let me know of the City Council's decision. I am eager to tell my fellow Milpitas residents and friends who live in other places – We here in Milpitas do care about our library. We are proud to be one of the busiest libraries in the system! I am sure that Milpitas Library Community Librarian Steve Fitzgerald will lead his team to make Milpitas Library "the busiest" library in the system with the possible library hour expansion!

Cc: Tim Wong, City staff LAC liaison
Maria Pham, LAC Chair
Stephen Fitzgerald, Milpitas Library Community Librarian